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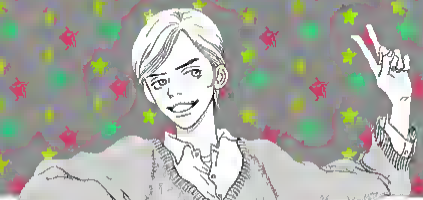

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Haha
Haha
Haha
.....
rub
rub
haha..
OPENS WIDE
FLASH
Haha
Haha
Haha
SPARKLE

おうじさまのゆくえ

The Whereabouts of the Prince

ONE LAST QUESTION
AANND_
WHAT'S YOUR IDEA OF THE PERFECT GUY?
THEN WHY ISN'T HE ASKING US?
HUH?
DUNNO, SOME KIND OF SURVEY
WHAT'S HE DOING?
giggle
pfft
SOMEONE WHO'S
LIKE A PRINCE

Grade 10 Division 3
Kawakita Ami
Birthday May 13th
Height 156 cm
Weight It's a secret
Hometown Sapporo
Family Members A Dad A Mom
An older sister
Middle School Attended S-High
Interests Movies, Books
Special Ability Nothing in particular
Boyfriend? None
Idea of the Perfect Guy
Someone like a Prince
Dreams for the Future
Day-care worker
A Bride?
chatter
chatter
ehehaha!
WELL OBVIOUSLY SOMEONE WHO'S PRINCE-LIKE.
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN BY SOMEONE "LIKE A PRINCE"?

THE REASON WHY I DON'T USE THAT MANY KANJI, IS BECAUSE I'M NOT THAT SMART.

SUMITA HARUKA. GRADE 11

STAMP

SINCE I FELL FOR HER HARD,

I DECIDED FROM THIS DAY ON, TO LIVE MY LIFE FOR KAWAKITA AMI-CHAN.

Sweet fruits
Strawberry cherry and apple

To My Amigo

Ever since I saw you in the school grounds, my heart's been struck by the cupid's bow I can't get you out of my mind. Please, please say you'll go out with me Please come and see me after school at the rooftop

Grade 11, Division 5
Sumita Haruka

YOU GOTTA FACE THE FACTS MY MAN!
SHE'S JUST SHY
chuckles
pat
BREEZE
SLAM
THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, YOU'RE NO PRINCE
YOUR BIGGEST FAULT THOUGH IS PROBABLY THAT,
WELL WHERE DO YOU WANT ME TO START?
Want me to write you up a list?
WHAT DID I DO WRONG?!
I KNOW GIRLS WHO HAVE A CRUSH ON HIM!
AWW. WHAT A WASTE!
YEAH
HOW'D IT GO? DID YOU TURN HIM DOWN?
NO WAY!
BUT HIS SWEATER'S LIKE ALL STRETCHED OUT!
Ahahaha!
No way, seriously?
HOW COULD THAT BE?!

ANYHOW, I HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN SHIMAZU-SAN ONCE TODAY
I WONDER IF HE'S GONE HOME ALREADY?
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO RIGHT OUT AND TELL HIM HOW YOU FEEL ALREADY?
HEY DON'T BE MEAN!
THEN WILL YOU JUST LIKE, STOP GUSHING ABOUT HIM ALL THE TIME?
NOOO~ THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO THAT!
KAW
KAW
.....
.....
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
PRINCE
CINDERELLA
SLEEPING FOREST

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'VE LED A PRETTY LUCKY LIFE SO FAR
I'VE NEVER REALLY HAD TO, I DON'T KNOW, DO MUCH TO GET A GIRL UP UNTIL NOW
YEAH. SO ANYWAY,
I'M NOT TRYING TO BRAG OR ANY-THING,
BUT GIRLS DO GO FOR ME
THAT HAS CAPTURED HER ATTENTION?
WHO IS THIS "PRINCE"
BUT I'M FINDING MYSELF SMACKING INTO A WALL NOW.
WELL YEAH, I HAVE TO DRAW THE LINE SOME-WHERE... THERE'S NO WAY I'M WEARING TIGHTS.
BUT HAHAHA! WAIT FOR ME, MY AMIGO, I'M COMING!
OH? THEY'RE ALL BLONDIES.
WAIT— SO IF I WEAR BLUE CONTACT LENSES, WOULD THAT MAKE ME ONE OF THEM?

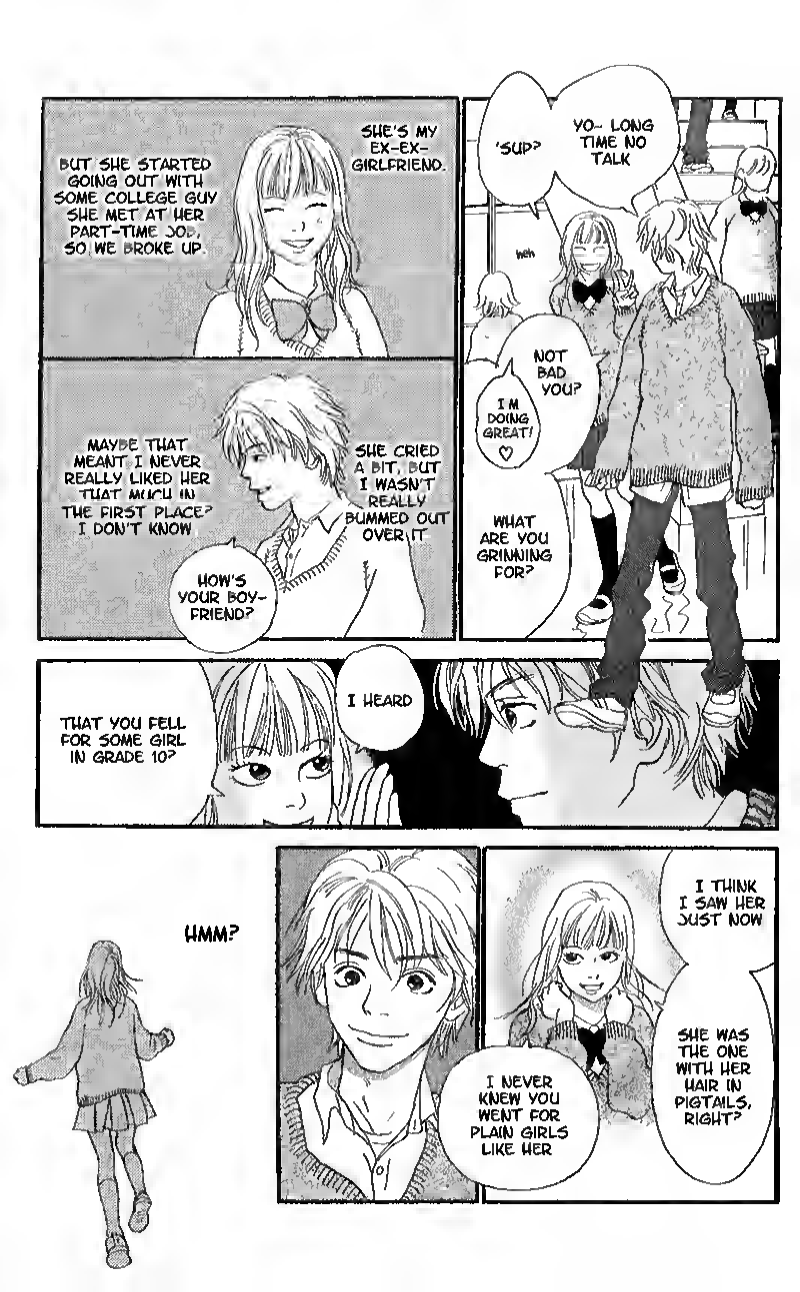
MAKE SURE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEM!
SLAM
SQUEAK
HARUKA!
HEY! NO FIGHTING!
WAHHHH
Hehe, Lalna!
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
swish swish
KABOOM
Maaaaaaa!
thud
thud
thud
FROM THIS DAY ON, I'M GONNA BE A PRINCE!
WAHHHH walker
MA,
waaahhhh!
waaahhhh!
PRINCE!
YA~!
PRINCE!
YESIREE!
HAND OVER THE WALLET
I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT
PRINCE,
WE'VE RUN OUT OF MISO.

THUMP
THUMP
second time's a charm!
sweet fruits
strawberry cherry and apples.
Please come to the school rooftop!
Suwa Haruka
MORNING!
MORNING!
kaw
kaw

kaw
idiot
kaw
blonde hair (he already had it sometime)
blue eyes (Color contacts)
HI, HONEY!
SORRY IF YOU'LL JUST EXCUSE ME.
BOWS
WAIT!
KAWAKITA-SAN!
AMI-CHA...
GRABS
WAI—
dash

I HAVE SOME-ONE I LIKE!
TELL ME WHAT IT IS ABOUT ME THAT YOU DON'T LIKE!
Wahhhhh!
THERE ARE NO PRINCES IN JAPAN
Comprende?
I LIKE SHIMAZU-SAN, THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!
....
ERR...
AMI-CHAN...

RUSTLE
FIRST OFF, AN ANNOUNCE-MENT FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT...
AND NOW WE WILL COMMENCE OUR STUDENT MEETING
chatter
HARUKA!
chatter
chatter
Yuree
shows he any different from me?
smile
DON'T KNOW HIM...
HUH?
He's back to normal
mumble
mumble
mumble
NEVER SEEN OR HEARD OF HIM...
And anyway, what's he got that I don't?


SHE'S MY EX-EX-GIRLFRIEND.
BUT SHE STARTED GOING OUT WITH SOME COLLEGE GUY SHE MET AT HER PART-TIME JOB, SO WE BROKE UP.
YO.. LONG TIME NO TALK
'SUP?
NOT BAD YOU?
I'M DOING GREAT! ♡
WHAT ARE YOU GRINNING FOR?
SHE CRIED A BIT, BUT I WASN'T REALLY BUMMED OUT OVER IT
MAYBE THAT MEANT I NEVER REALLY LIKED HER THAT MUCH IN THE FIRST PLACE? I DON'T KNOW
HOW'S YOUR BOY-FRIEND?
I HEARD
THAT YOU FELL FOR SOME GIRL IN GRADE 10?
I THINK I SAW HER JUST NOW
SHE WAS THE ONE WITH HER HAIR IN PIGTAILS, RIGHT?
I NEVER KNEW YOU WENT FOR PLAIN GIRLS LIKE HER
HMM?

KAWAKITA-SAN...
TO ME, IT LOOKED LIKE A HALO WAS SURROUNDING HER.
REALLY?
PLAIN?
EHH. What's with that reaction?
NICE FRIEND YOU GOT THERE
AMI?
WHY DON'T YOU LET HIM,
Come on
.....
PLEASE?
I PROMISE I WON'T TRY TO PULL ANYTHING FUNNY ANYMORE, SO WILL YOU LET ME TAKE YOU HOME, JUST THIS ONCE?

DO YOU WATCH HORROR MOVIES?
NO
KETCHUP RICE
WHAT DO YOU LIKE INSIDE IT, KETCHUP RICE OR RICE WITH BUTTER IN IT?
..RICE OMELE-TTE
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO EAT?
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SHIMAZU?
BOTH
WHICH DO YOU LIKE BETTER, DOGS OR CATS?
UM HAMASAKI AYUMI AND SHIINA RINGO
WHAT DO YOU SING WHEN YOU GO TO KARAOKE?
EVERY-THING ABOUT HIM
DUSH
.....

HIS SPARKLING EYES,
HIS STRONG-WILLED EYEBROWS,
HIS INTEL-LECTUAL NOSE,
HIS WELL-SHAPED LIPS,
HIS SILKY HAIR,
HIS LONG ARMS AND LEGS...HIS KIND VOICE.
...EVERYTHING?
SNAP OPEN
A HA HA HA HA!
in a trance
SO ALL YOU LIKE ABOUT HIM ARE HIS LOOKS?
WELL THAT'S A RELIEF!
WELL, IF LOOKS DIDN'T MATTER, THEN I'D FALL EVEN FOR AN ELEPHANT!

OKAY, SO WHAT'S MY NEXT LINE OF ACTION GONNA BE?
Yay!
Whhhhat Light! What'd you just call me?
Ahhhh!
thud
thud
uh...
WHOOPS, SCREWED UP BIG TIME.
"AND HE BUYS ME WHATEVER I WANT,"
NOW SAY IT
I DON'T TELL LIES—
SMACK
MY BWATHAA IS VEWWY KIWWND
"MY BROTHER IS VERY KIND,"
"AND HE'S VERY COOL."
AND HE'S VEWWYY COOL
HE'S SAWMWON WHO PUTS HIS FWAMILYY FAWST....
"HE'S SOMEONE WHO PUTS HIS FAMILY FIRST."
REPEAT?
REPEAT WHAT I SAY, OKAY?
THAT MEANS, TO SAY WHAT I SAY.
GOT IT?
HEY! (You, too!)
WAHHH!

2年1組
YES?
CAN I HELP YOU?
YO, IS SHIMAZU HERE?
stare
stare
stare
stare
ASK YOU A FEW QUES-TIONS...?
DO YOU MIND IF I...
THE NAME'S SUMITA...
UM... YEAH...
SO I'M IN GRADE 11, DIV 5...
10cm
pissed
DO YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
Straight Shooter
joke
GOOD POINT,
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO ANSWER THAT KIND OF QUESTION FROM YOU?
pat
GOOD POINT!
...

I HAVE THIS FRIEND
WHO'S REALLY CUTE...
AND SHE REALLY LIKES YOU
SO- I WAS JUST WONDERING
HOW IT WAS WITH YOU,
YOU KNOW?
.....
IF THAT'S THE CASE,
RUSTLE
swish
I THINK IT MAKES MORE SENSE FOR ME TO HEAR THAT FROM THAT PERSON HERSELF
OKAY, OKAY, DON'T FEEL DOWN
exhales
TURNS
okay
....
What the?
rub
blink
rub
blink
Prince?!
BYE NOW
swish

THUMP
WERE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT JUST NOW...?
WHAT...
ERR...
UM...
ALL...
LIAR!
TA-DA
TWIRL TWIRL
WE BECAME BUDDIES! ♪
ALL I DID...

....
....
....
WAS TELL HIM THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO LIKED HIM! I NEVER TOLD HIM ONCE THAT IT WAS YO—
thud
I

YOUR SWEATER IS ALL STRETCHED OUT...
I SWEAR.....
NEVER TOLD HIM IT WAS YOU...
AH...
AMI!
DON'T TELL ME,
NODS
TAP TAP TAP

DID SOMEONE RUN OVER YOUR DOG OR WHAT?
I MESSED UP BIG TIME?
Wabble
Wabble
GO AWAY
SHUT UP
Shoo
Shoo
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!
ST
EVER SINCE I BROKE UP WITH YOU, I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND ANY DECENT GUYS
POOR ME RIGHT?
ERR... WELL WE'RE MORE LIKE TWO PEOPLE WHO USE EACH OTHER WHEN WE'RE FEELING DOWN OUT OF CONVENIENCE MORE THAN ANYTHING
....
SHE ALWAYS SEEMS TO APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE WHEN I'M FEELING DOWN. SHE'S REALLY KINDA ANNOYING. MAYBE SHE STILL LIKES ME?
AYA-CHAN HERE, IS MY EX-EX-EX-GIRLFRIEND.
IT SUCKS
HE WAS CHEATING ON ME
YEAH AND LIKE, I JUST BROKE UP WITH SOMEONE LATELY

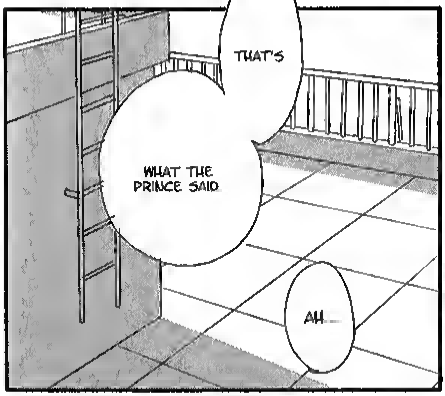
Are you talking about what?
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT A CHILDISH GIRL LIKE HER, ANYWAY?
WELL, I'M OFF
NOW GO AWAY!
FORGET IT!
NO NO NO NO!
NO!
THAT'S SO MEAN!
HEY!
CHILDISH?
TO ME IT LOOKED LIKE A HALO WAS SURROUNDING HER
REALLY?
HEH
WAHHHH
WAHHHH
thud
thud

I GOTTA TUNE INTO MY INNER MAN.
HE PUTTSS HIS FAMIWYY'S FWEET FIRSTT
Feet?
IS VEWWY KIND
MY BWATTWERR
AND VEWWY COOL
SNICKERS
Please come to the school roof top during lunch.
Kawakita Ami
I'LL APOLOGIZE AGAIN AND AGAIN UNTIL SHE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT MY APLOLOGY!
SUCK IT UP... AND APOLOGIZE!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
FLIP
sumta!
I'LL APOLOGIZE, EVEN IF I HAVE TO GET DOWN ON MY KNEES AND DO IT...
Tokunashi
Tokunashi

I'M SORRY!
Cooo
Kow Kow
EH...
UM
WHO...
I'M THE ONE...
BUT...
WHY?
NO, YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG
EXCUSE ME?

WHO CAN'T EVEN...
I'M A COWARD
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG
I'M SORRY...
I TOOK OUT... MY FRUSTRATIONS ON YOU
GATHER UP THE COURAGE...
TO TELL HIM HOW I FEEL...
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING
....
BUT I ALWAYS SAW YOU WALKING WITH THESE REALLY PRETTY GIRLS BY YOUR SIDE
THUMP
I MEAN I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR NAME.
WHAT?!
I KNEW ABOUT YOU BEFORE ALL THIS

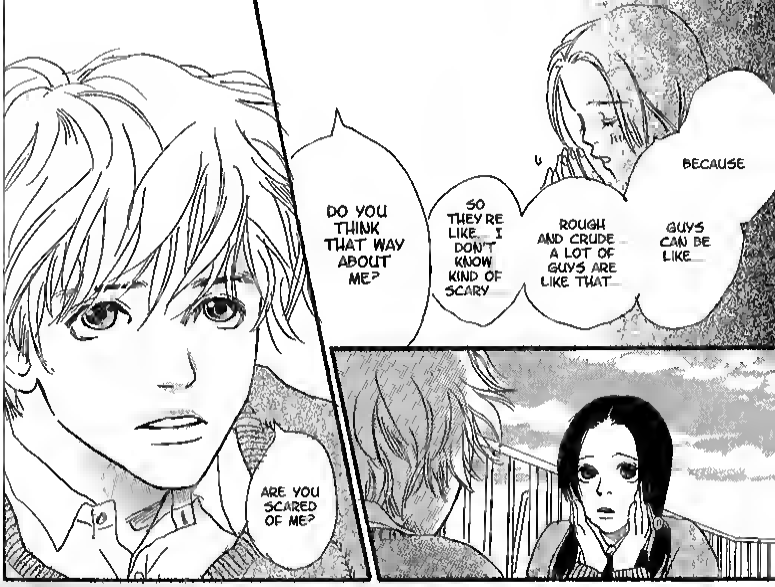
"IN THAT CASE"
"I THINK IT'S ONLY RIGHT IF I HEAR THAT FROM THE PERSON HERSELF"
"HEH."
SHOOS


THAT'S
WHAT THE PRINCE SAID
AH...

THAT'S WHY I HAD A HARD TIME BELIEVING THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU WOULD, YOU KNOW, FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT SOMEONE LIKE ME
IT WAS SO STRANGE... THAT I FELT LIKE, THIS WAS SOME KIND OF PRANK...
BUT I DO ADMIRE... HOW YOU HAD THE COURAGE
TO TELL ME HOW YOU FELT
I-I....

....
YOU
HE LOOKED LIKE HE EVEN WANTED YOU TO TELL HIM HOW YOU FELT.
IM-
WHY NOT JUST TELL HIM HOW YOU FEEL?
HE PROBABLY DOESN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND
YEAH, I THINK YOU SHOULD
SO SHOULD I?
YEAH. I DO
YOU REALLY THINK SO?

AND TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, WHEN HE SAID THAT, HE REALLY DID LOOK LIKE A PRINCE
REALLY?
YOU THINK SO, TOO?
.....
YEAH.
AND HIS HAIR WAS LIKE FLOWING WITH THE WIND, YOU KNOW?
A ha ha ha
LIAR
YEAH. SERI-OUS-LY!
THEN HE WAS LIKE, "BYE NOW!"
"BYE NOW!"
Jiggle
Jiggle
haha
WHY DO YOU WANT SOMEONE WHO'S LIKE A PRINCE ANYWAY?
.....
UM
BECAUSE IT'S BEEN,
A DREAM OF MINE EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE KID
WHY...?


ARE YOU SCARED OF ME?
DO YOU THINK THAT WAY ABOUT ME?
SO THEY'RE LIKE... I DON'T KNOW KIND OF SCARY...
ROUGH AND CRUDE... A LOT OF GUYS ARE LIKE THAT...
GUYS CAN BE LIKE...
BECAUSE

WANT ME
TO TELL YOU
SOMETHING INTERESTING?

PRINCES SHOULD JUST GO FUCK 'EMSELVES
.....
.....
.....
Coooo
Coooo
Coooo
step
step
step
GETS UP
SLAM
Coooo

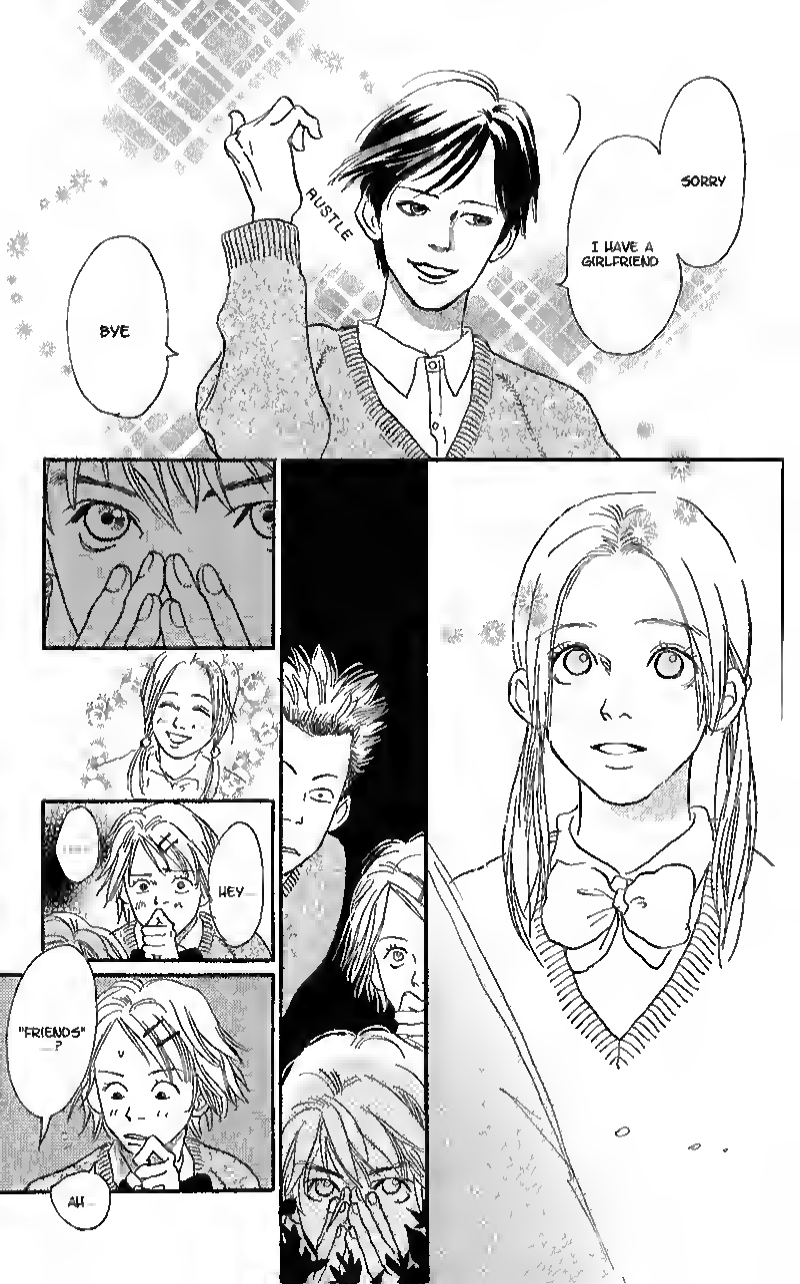
I CAN'T BELIEVE I JUST SAID THAT...!
FALL OVER
.....
.....
DUNG
DUNG
DUNG
DUNG
.....
A PRINCE WOULD PROBABLY NEVER WEAR A STRETCHED OUT SWEATER
SINCE I'M NO PRINCE, I SHOULD'VE JUST PUSHED HER DOWN RIGHT THEN AND THERE, AND KISSED HER. IF SHE'S SCARED OF ME ANYWAY, I MIGHT'VE AS WELL JUST PROVED HER FEARS RIGHT.
PRINCE? HAH! THERE IS NO SUCH THING.
WHY DID SHE HAVE TO SMILE LIKE THAT WHEN SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT HIM?
WAIT FOR ME!

BUT WHO GIVES A SHIT ANYMORE?

TA-DA!
♪
LATEST UPDATE ON KAWAKITA AMI!
"THAT'S AWESOME!"
"WHAT?! REALLY?"
"I HEARD AMI'S FINALLY GONNA TELL HIM HOW SHE FEELS!"
THAT'S IT. I JUST HEARD THIS FROM GIRLS WHO I PASSED IN THE HALLWAY.
OKAY, LET'S HEAR IT.
.....
Phew! I thought I wouldn't get a chance to show up anymore before this story ended!
Ahem!
AMI-CHAN'S FRIEND!
WAIT!!
wheeze
wheeze
wheeze
wheeze
THERE'S
SOMETHING I WANT...
...TO ASK YOU...

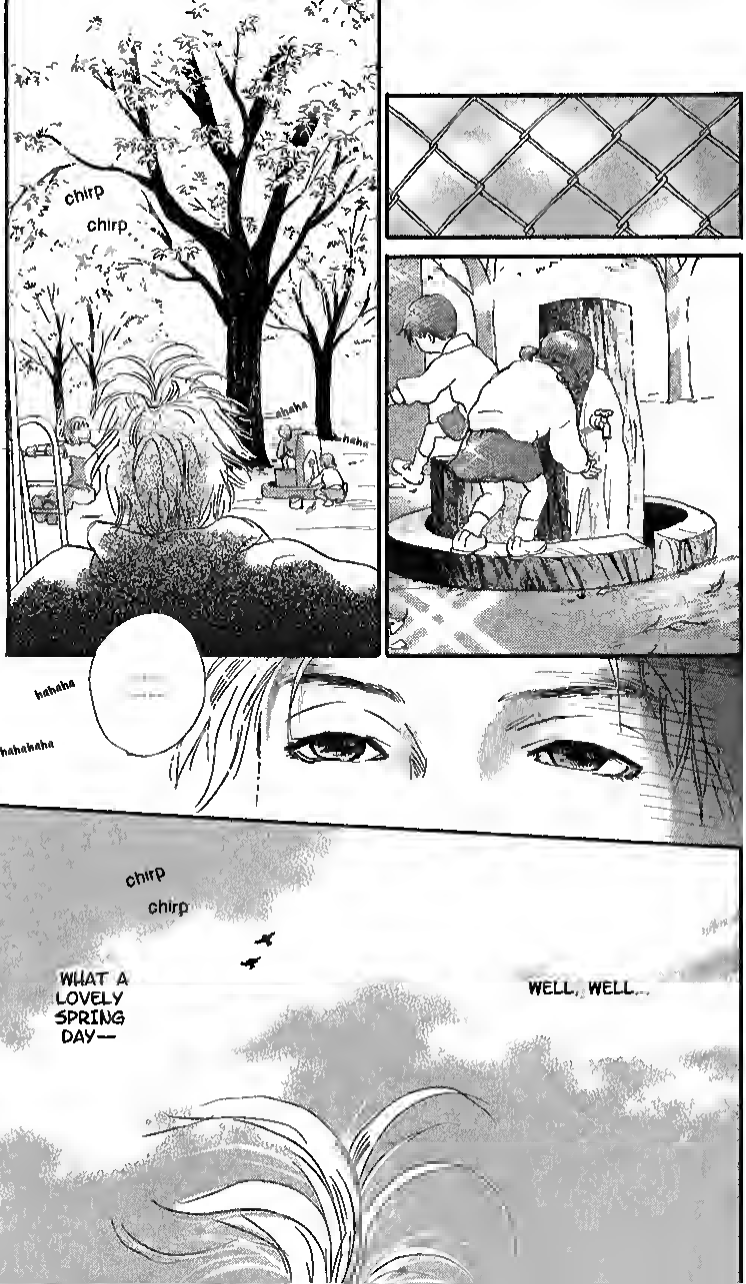
DON'T GO OUT THERE!
HE'S COMING!
Don't go, Amtgo!
ANY MINUTE NOW!
HE'S HERE!
COULD THIS GET ANY WORSE?
IT'S LIKE, I TIGHTENED A NOOSE AROUND MY NECK
.....
KAWA-KITA...
SAN?

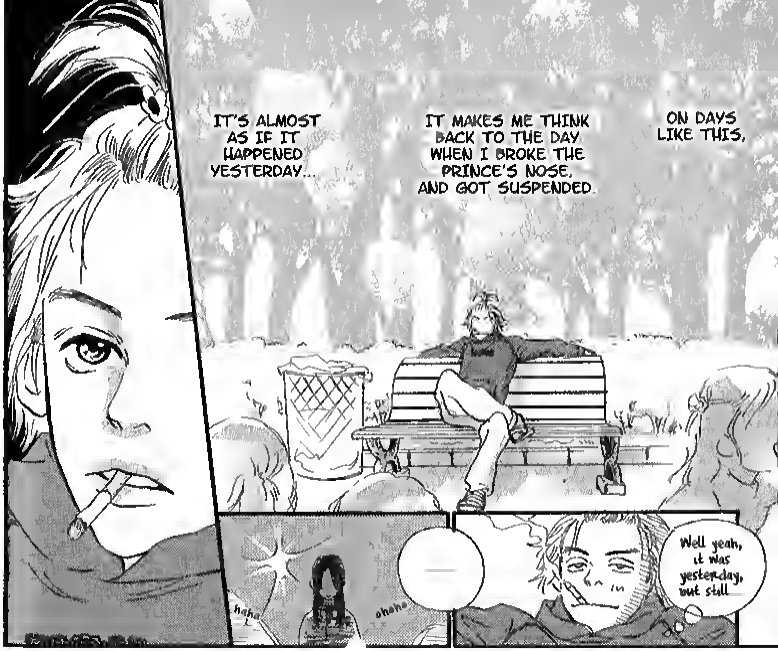
SMILE
.....
YES, THAT'S ME!
UM...
I'M SORRY TO CALL YOU OUT LIKE THIS OUT OF THE BLUE
I'VE...
ADMIRED YOU FOR A REALLY LONG TIME...
AND UM...
I WAS JUST WONDERING IF...
YOU WOULD BE FRIENDS WITH ME?

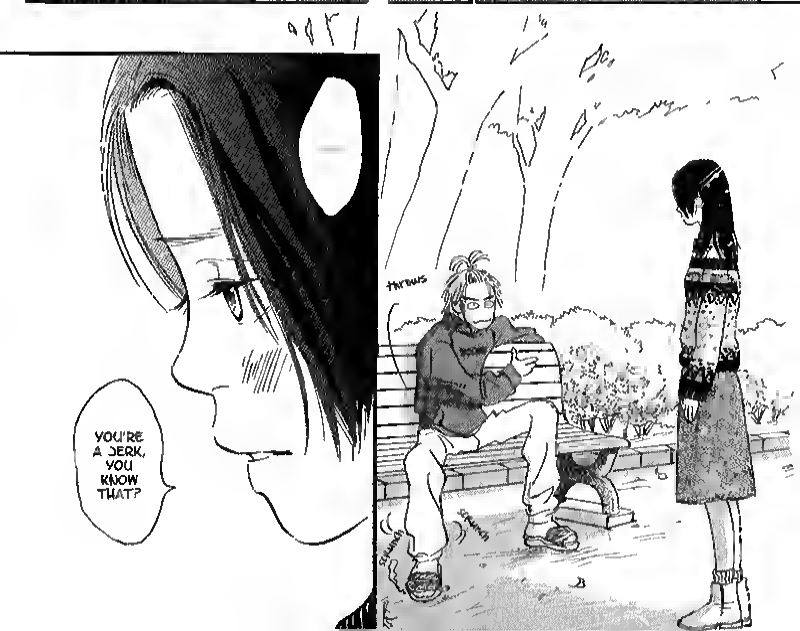

RUSTLE
SORRY
I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND
BYE
HEY
"FRIENDS"—?
AH—

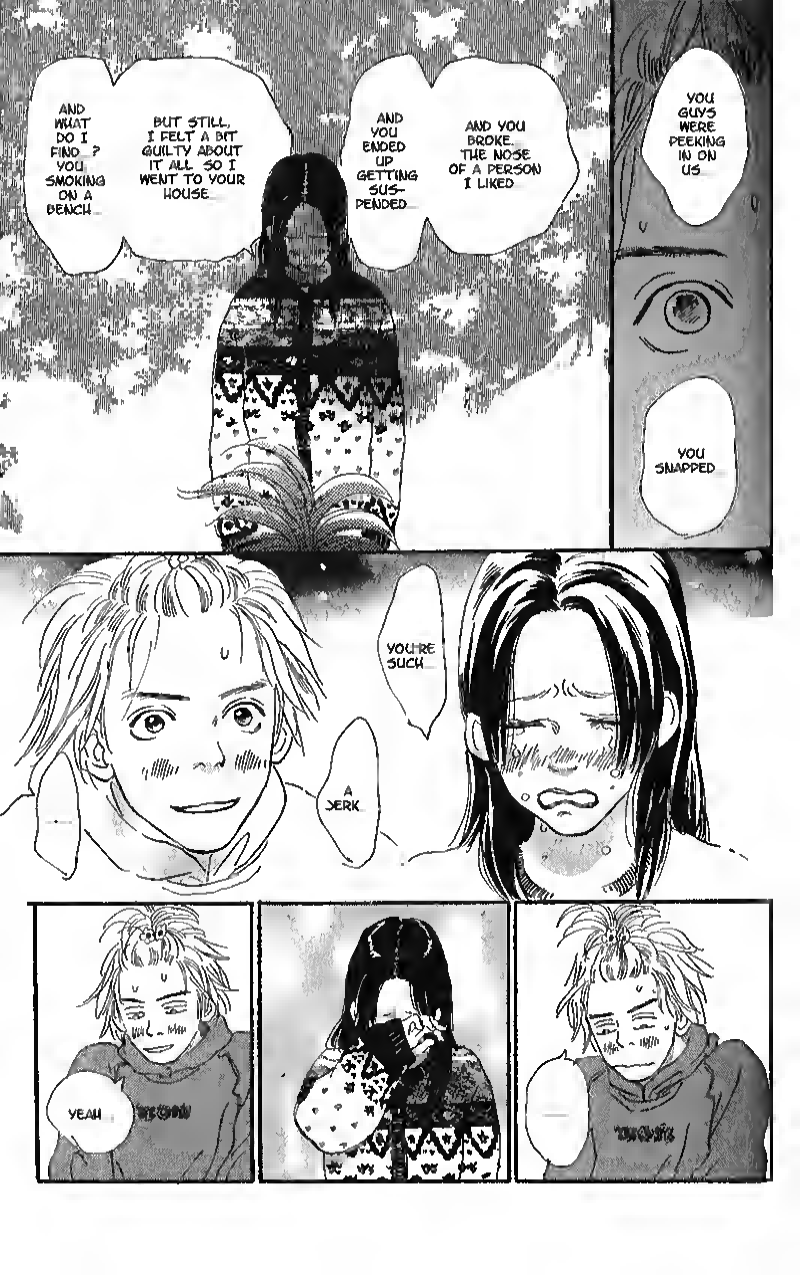
I'LL LEAVE AMI TO YOU GUYS
ARE YOU STUPID?
YOU THIRD-RATE ACTOR!
GRABS!
WHOA!
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENTTT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
REMEMBER, HOW I AAASKED YOU..
THE OTHER DAYYY..
IF YOU HAD A GIRL-FRIEND...
YOU LIEED...
WELL, I TOLD HER THE TRUTH---
BUT SHE AAASKED...
IF YOU WOULD BE HER FRIEND..
SHE DIDNN'T ASK TO BE YOUR GIRL-FRIENDD...
DRAG DRAG DRAG
YEAH BUT THAT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO MY GIRLFRIEND
COULDN'T YOU... HAVE LET HER DOWN... IN A NICER WAY...

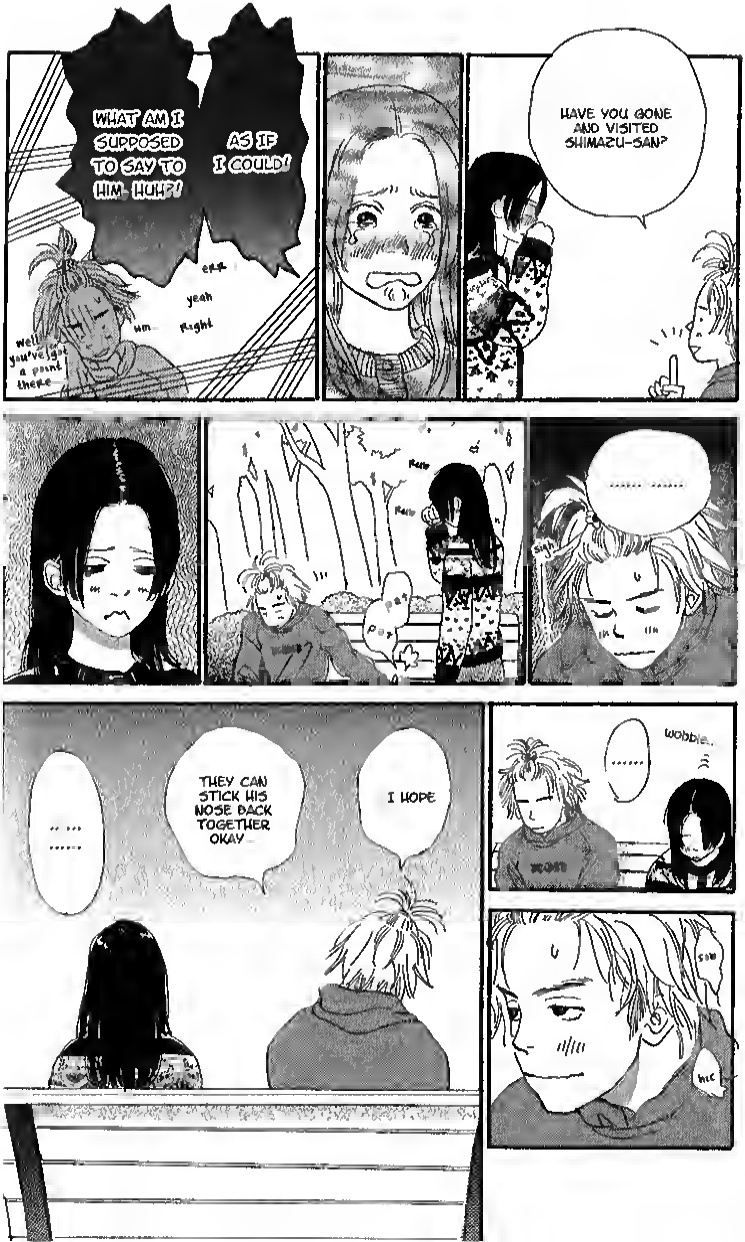
YOU CAME TO RATE THE GOODS, DIDN'T YOU?
Ah
Ah


chirp
chirp
ahaha
haha
hahaha
ahahahahaha
chirp
chirp
WHAT A LOVELY SPRING DAY—
WELL, WELL...


IT'S ALMOST AS IF IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY...
IT MAKES ME THINK BACK TO THE DAY WHEN I BROKE THE PRINCE'S NOSE, AND GOT SUSPENDED.
ON DAYS LIKE THIS,
Well yeah, it was yesterday, but still...
haha
ahaha


YOU'RE A JERK, YOU KNOW THAT?
throws
screech
screech


AND WHAT DO I FIND...? YOU SMOKING ON A BENCH
BUT STILL, I FELT A BIT GUILTY ABOUT IT ALL SO I WENT TO YOUR HOUSE
AND YOU ENDED UP GETTING SUS-PENDED
AND YOU BROKE THE NOSE OF A PERSON I LIKED
YOU GUYS WERE PEEKING IN ON US
YOU SNAPPED
YOU'RE SUCH
A JERK
YEAH
...


WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY TO HIM- HUH?!
AS IF I COULD!
Well you've got a point there
um
Right
eee
yeah
HAVE YOU GONE AND VISITED SHIMAZU-SAN?
Rain
Rain
.....
Sigh
I HOPE
THEY CAN STICK HIS NOSE BACK TOGETHER OKAY...
.. ...
.....
Wobble..
.....
Grow
Into

LIES DOWN
TROT
TROT
TROT
COME ONNN~
LET'S PLAYYYY
LATER OKAY?
AH,
IS HE YOUR BROTHER?
YEAH
ruffle
ruffle
OH AND
THAT ONE OVER THERE,
haha
ahaha
AND THAT ONE,
AND THAT ONE,
ARE MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS
YOU HAVE FOUR SIBLINGS?
NO,
ACTUALLY, I HAVE ONE YOUNGER BROTHER IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND A BABY SISTER...
SO SEVEN IN ALL, INCLUDING ME.

I'LL BE THERE IN A SEC.
SO HERE TAKE THIS,
AND GO GET SOME WATER
PULL
COME ONNNN!
PULL
LET'S GO PLAYYYY~
COME ONNN~
COME ONNN!
STRETCH
UM...
YES?
I'VE WANTED TO ASK YOU THIS FOR A WHILE NOW...
.....
.....
-WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT ME SO MUCH ANYWAY?
THUMP

think
Aya-chan
think
Emi-chan
think
I I GUESS
BECAUSE YOU'RE PLAIN ?
U SPARKLE
She'll just think I'm a retard
SPARKLE
um...
because of your...
uh... halo...
.....
IT'S ALL OVER...!
I'VE FINALLY DONE IT THIS TIME...
OH SHIT
I'M GOING TO GO AND PLAY IN THE SANDBOX TOO!

MY BWATTHER IS KIND AND COOL AND HE PUTS HIS FWAMIWY FAWST, AND HE BUYS ME ANYFWING I WANT!
DID HE TELL YOU TO TELL ME THAT?
YEAH!
SLUMP
You idiot...
I'M GOING TO KICK THE PRINCE OUT OF THE PICTURE,
AND I'M GONNA GET YOU SOMEDAY, AMI-CHAN!
SUMITA HARUKA, GRADE 11
STAMP
The End